

**CITY OF GREENFIELD
RESOLUTION NO. 2015-51**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENFIELD
ADOPTING WRITTEN ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE NOVEMBER 3, 2015 “2015
CITY SERVICES TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX” MEASURE**

WHEREAS, the City Council held a public hearing on July 28, 2015 to consider calling a municipal election to seek voter approval of a proposed general transactions and use tax, as authorized by Revenue and Taxation Code section 7285.9; and,

WHEREAS, at the conclusion of that hearing, the City Council concluded that all of the information presented indicated that the Council should call an election to ask the voters of the City to approve a 5-year increase in the local transactions and use tax, the revenue from which could be used to enhance general municipal services; and,

WHEREAS, the Transactions and Use Tax would be imposed on retail transactions, and use of, personal property; the tax rate would be Three Quarters of One Percent (0.75 %) of the sales price of the property; the tax revenue would be collected by the State Board of Equalization and remitted to the City; the termination date would be March 31, 2021. The addition of the tax shall be approved if the measure receives at least a majority of affirmative votes; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council unanimously agreed to sponsor written arguments in favor of the measure; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to adopt such written arguments by resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Greenfield that the Council submits the following written arguments in favor of the “2015 City Services Transactions and Use Tax” Measure, to be considered by the voters on November 3, 2015:

As the economy has begun to show signs of improvements, the residents of Greenfield have reasonable expectations for increased City services. We agree that the City should provide more for its residents, including public safety, recreation, and increased code enforcement. It is our priority to do whatever is necessary to make this possible. However, new or increased services cannot be provided without increased revenues.

With the proposed new revenue, the City will be able to increase law enforcement services. Currently, the City provides approximately 1.1 officers per 1,000 residents; however, the national standard for West Coast cities the size of Greenfield is 1.5 officers per 1,000 residents. To begin to reach this national standard, an additional four officers will be hired, at a cost of \$340,000 per year for pay and benefits. The City will also approve a new pay plan to ensure our officers stay in Greenfield protecting and serving our residents.

Public safety goes hand-in-hand with recreational opportunities and code enforcement. Enhancing recreation programs can provide our community with wholesome activities such as free concerts in the park, Cinco de Mayo, and 4th of July celebrations. Code enforcement will do much to strengthen residents' pride in our beautiful community.

Passage of this additional three-quarter cent sales tax would generate approximately \$900,000 per year. This new revenue would ensure enhanced public safety for all of Greenfield's residents, re-establish code enforcement, and increase recreational opportunities for our community.

Revenues from this tax will stay in Greenfield and will be subject to the review of a resident Oversight Committee.

We stand unanimously in support of your Yes vote on November 3rd.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 28th day of July 2015, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

John P. Huerta, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ann F. Rathbun, City Clerk